

The Rush County Council met in regular session on Wednesday, October 13, 2011 at 8:00 a.m. with Gerald Mohr, Vice Chairman, Warren Norris, Janet Kile, Bruce Levi, Kevin Spilman, Jerry Kent, Deborah Adams, Auditor and Leigh Morning, County Attorney in attendance. Norman Winkler, Chairman was absent.

Vice Chairman, Gerald Mohr called the meeting to order.

Minutes of the September 14, 15, 2011 meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Jerry Kent, seconded by Bruce Levi. Motion carried.

Minutes of the September 22, 2011 executive session were approved as presented on a motion by Warren Norris, seconded by Kevin Spilman. Motion carried.

RUSH MEMORIAL AMBULANCE

Brad Smith, CFO of Rush Memorial Hospital, brought the requested \$137,000.00 that council had previously requested. The money will be receipted into the EDIT fund and used to make the ambulance subsidy payment.

Smith reviewed the Ambulance Financial Statement along with the 3rd Quarter Volume Report with the council.

The council questioned Smith regarding the status Dr. Richard Boersma has with the hospital. Smith stated that Dr. Richard Boersma status has not changed with Rush Memorial Hospital.

Smith updated the council in regards to Rush Memorial Hospital health care reform and the long term effect on Rush Memorial Hospital. Smith stated when asked that collections are currently at 54%

Discussion was held regarding the writing of protocols for the county ambulance services. November 2, 2011 is the next scheduled meeting with Dr. Daughtery. Brad Smith stated that for various reasons he was staying out of all discussions and writing of the protocols with the EMS units.

Leigh Morning provided details that a meeting will be held jointly with Dr. Daughtery, Dr. Boersma, Commissioner Tom Barnes and herself to finalize the protocols. Morning explained that all volunteer departments will follow the same protocols and select the level of service they want to follow.

Smith went further to explain that the one set of Rush County protocols will include three (3) levels:

- Basic Level

- Advance Level
- Paramedic Level

Jerry Kent questioned what happens if a department does not like the protocols? Tom Barnes answered that he did not foresee this happening since their medical director is assisting with the writing of the protocols.

Barnes discussed the meeting held with Carthage in which some of the council members also attended. Warren Norris, Gerald Mohr, and Bruce Levi attended on behalf of the council.

Smith stressed that Rush Memorial Hospital and himself does not have any influence over Dr. Daugherty. Smith continued to state that each ambulance service has a medical director to represent their interest.

The question was raised regarding the Milroy ambulance and if it has a medical director. Brad Smith stated that it does not have a director that he is aware of.

It was explained that Basic Level of service does not have to have a sponsoring hospital. The Advance and Paramedic Levels both require a sponsoring hospital.

Gerald Mohr discussed and reminded Brad Smith of the education services of Rush Memorial Hospital that can be offered to the Carthage area and should be promoted.

The additional appropriation of \$137,000.00 out of the EDIT fund was presented for approval. Kevin Spilman made the motion to approve the additional appropriation. Janet Kile seconded the motion. Motion carried.

SHERIFF

Jeff Sherwood, Sheriff, reported forty-four (44) inmates currently incarcerated in the Rush County jail. Sherwood noted that the jail capacity is forty-six (46).

Sherwood reported that his budget is currently running low for payment of electricity. Sherwood noted that he may be before them requesting a transfer.

Sherwood reported that Terry Drake damaged his car September 30, 2011. A tree limb fell on the car and broke the rear window while he was in Carthage.

Sherwood reviewed the Rush County Police Retirement Plan and Benefit Plan Summary of Plan Provisions. Sherwood discussed the recent meeting of the merit board with McCready and Keene, Inc. and the amendment required by law to the retirement plan. Jerry Kent made the motion to approve and sign the "*First Amendment to Rush County Police Retirement Plan*", Bruce Levi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COURTHOUSE

Tom Barnes, Commissioner, reported one the courthouse ceiling damage between the second and third floors. Barnes noted that this is from the attic leaking.

Barnes informed the council of more courthouse sewage problems again. Barnes stated that the south side at some point will need a major over haul.

Barnes reported that the Rush County Master Gardeners have prepared formal plans to landscape the courthouse lawns. They have filed a grant with RCCF and have no plans to utilize tax dollars.

Barnes finished by reporting that the outside courthouse handrails were being painted by the jail trustees and that D.O. Corn would be replacing the North courthouse steps within the next couple of weeks.

Deborah Adams asked for a transfer of \$737.69 from building equip/maint (1-13-3-8) into Equipment (1-13-4-1). Adams explained it was a transfer for a sound system which is a fixed asset that I-T department purchased for the commissioners. Jerry Kent questioned that there were to be no purchasing of equipment without coming to the council. Adams referred the council to Tom Barnes as she was not involved in the purchase. Barnes stated that this was a done deal prior to 2011 when they were working on moving the commissioner's room. Bruce Levi made the motion to approve the transfer. Kevin Spilman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

EMA

Tom Barnes reported that the new EMA Director, Chuck Kemker, is on the ground running. Barnes stated that Kemker is attending a meeting regarding the state pulling funding on the county.

BROWNFIELD

Barnes shared his thoughts regarding the Brownfield coalition. Barnes stated that Rush County is out and that we do not need to spend money on what we already know is out there.

AUDITOR

The council approved the 2012 Rush County calendar subject to change on a motion by Jerry Kent. Kevin Spilman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The council reviewed the proposed appointment list to be advertised. Bruce Levi approved the listing. Warren Norris seconded the motion. Motion carried. The positions will be advertised in the newspaper October 20, 27, 2011 and also on the county website.

Motion to adjourn was initiated by Bruce Levi. Warren Norris seconded the motion, motion carried.

<u>/s/Norman Winkler</u>	<u>/s/Warren Norris</u>	<u>/s/Gerald Mohr</u>
Norman Winkler, Chairman	Warren Norris	Gerald Mohr

<u>/s/Janet Kile</u>	<u>/s/Bruce Levi</u>	<u>/s/Kevin Spilman</u>
Janet Kile	Bruce Levi	Kevin Spilman

<u>/s/Jerry Kent</u>
Jerry Kent

ATTEST:

<u>/s/Deborah C. Adams</u>
Deborah C. Adams, Auditor